

ALLOWABLE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

**§ 2503.13 Conservation Corps activities.**

Projects that receive assistance for conservation corps activities may carry out activities that focus on:

- (a) Conservation, rehabilitation, and the improvement of wildlife habitat, rangelands, parks, and recreational areas;
- (b) Urban and rural revitalization, historical and cultural site preservation, and reforestation of both urban and rural areas;
- (c) Fish culture, wildlife habitat maintenance and improvement, and other fishery assistance;
- (d) Road and trail maintenance and improvement;
- (e) Erosion, flood, drought, and storm damage assistance and controls;
- (f) Stream, lake, waterfront harbor, and port improvement;
- (g) Wetlands protection and pollution control;
- (h) Insect, disease, rodent, and fire prevention and control;
- (i) The improvement of abandoned railroad beds and rights-of-way;
- (j) Energy conservation projects, renewable resource enhancement, and recovery of biomass;
- (k) Reclamation and improvement of strip-mined land;
- (l) Forestry, nursery, and cultural operations;
- (m) Making public facilities accessible to individuals with disabilities; and
- (n) Housing rehabilitation, renovation, construction, and repair for the purpose of providing affordable housing for low-income and homeless individuals.

**§ 2503.14 Youth service corps activities.**

Projects that receive assistance for youth service corps activities may carry out activities that include participant service in the following:

- (a) State, local, and regional governmental agencies;
- (b) Nursing homes, hospices, senior centers, hospitals, local libraries, parks, recreational facilities, child and adult day care centers, programs serv-

ing individuals with disabilities, and schools;

- (c) Law enforcement agencies, and penal and prohibition systems;
- (d) Private nonprofit organizations that primarily focus on social service, such as community action agencies;
- (e) Activities that focus on the rehabilitation or improvement of public facilities and neighborhood improvements;
- (f) Literacy training that benefits educationally disadvantaged individuals;
- (g) Weatherization of, rehabilitation of, construction of, and basic repairs to low-income housing, including housing occupied by older adults, day care, senior citizens, and recreational center facilities, and other community facilities;
- (h) Energy conservation (including solar energy techniques);
- (i) Removal of architectural barriers to access by individuals with disabilities to public facilities;
- (j) Activities that focus on drug and alcohol abuse education, prevention and treatment;
- (k) Conservation, maintenance, or restoration of natural resources on publicly held lands; and
- (l) Other nonpartisan civic activities and services that are of a substantial social benefit in meeting unmet human, educational, public safety or environmental needs (particularly related to poverty) in the community.

**§ 2503.15 Combined eligible activities.**

Projects may also carry out activities that encompass the focuses and service described in §§ 2503.13 and 2503.14.

**§ 2503.16 Ineligible service categories.**

The eligible activities described in §§ 2503.13, 2503.14, and 2503.15 shall not be conducted by any:

- (a) Business organized for profit;
- (b) Labor union;
- (c) Partisan political organization;
- (d) Organization engaged in religious activities, unless such activities do not involve the use of funds provided under this part by program participants and program staff to give religious instruction, conduct worship services, or engage in any form of proselytization; or

(e) Domestic or personal service company or organization.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

##### **§ 2503.17 Administrative and other expenses.**

(a) States may not use more than five percent of the amounts made available for administrative costs.

(b) In addition, a program agency may not:

(1) Use more than five percent of the amount of assistance for administrative costs;

(2) Use more than ten percent of funds for the purchase of major capital equipment;

(3) Use less than ten percent of funds for pre-service and in-service training and educational materials and services for participants; or

(4) Use more than two percent of funds for joint projects with senior citizens organizations.

##### **§ 2503.18 Public lands or Indian lands.**

To be eligible to receive assistance, a program must carry out activities on public lands or Indian lands, or result in a public benefit. A program carried out with assistance for conservation, rehabilitation, or improvement of any public lands or Indian lands shall be consistent with:

(a) The provisions of law and policies relating to the management and administration of such lands, and all other applicable provisions of law;

(b) All management, operational, and other plans and documents that govern the administration of such lands; and

(c) Any land or water conservation program (or any related program) administered in any State under the authority of any Federal program is encouraged to use services available under this part to carry out its program.

##### **§ 2503.19 Training and education services.**

(a) **Assessment of Skills:** Each program agency shall assess the educational level of participants at the time of their entrance into the program, using any available records or simplified assessment means or meth-

odology and shall, where appropriate, refer such participants for testing for specific learning disabilities.

(b) **Enhancement of Skills:** Each program agency shall, through the programs and activities administered under this part, enhance the educational skills of participants.

(c) **Provision of Pre-Service and In-Service Training and Education:** (1) Program participants shall be provided with information concerning the benefits to the community that result from the activities undertaken by such participants.

(2) A program agency may enter into arrangements with academic institutions or education providers to evaluate the basic skills of participants and to make academic study available to participants to enable such participants to upgrade literacy skills, to obtain high school diplomas or the equivalent of such diplomas, to obtain college degrees, or to enhance employable skills. Such academic institutions or education providers may include:

(i) Local education agencies;

(ii) Community colleges;

(iii) 4-year colleges;

(iv) Area vocational-technical schools; and

(v) Community-based organizations.

(3) Career and education guidance and counseling shall be provided to a participant during a period of the in-service training as described in this part. Each graduating participant shall be provided with counseling with respect to additional study, job skills training or employment and shall be provided job placement assistance where appropriate; and

(4) A program agency shall give priority to participants who have not obtained a high school diploma or the equivalent of such diploma, in providing services under this Section.

(d) **Standards and Procedures.** Appropriate State and local officials shall certify that standards and procedures with respect to the awarding of academic credit and the certification of educational attainment in programs conducted under paragraph (c) of this section are consistent with the requirements of applicable State and local laws and regulations. These standards